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August 17, 1900

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, July 29, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended July 28. The following vessels have cleared from this port direct for the United States:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Number of crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number of pieces baggage disinfected.
July 25	Ss. Beverly	Israel.....	37	Mobile, Ala.....	2	7
July 26	Ss. Kitty.....	Montansen.....	19do	0	0
July 28	Ss. Adler.....	Bignell.....	27do	0	0
Do....	Ss. Anselm...	Brown.....	38do	0	0

The sanitary conditions of Port Limon and vicinity are good. Nine deaths during the week as follows: July 22, an adult 36 years of age, from syphilis; July 23, a child 1 day of age, from inanition; July 24, an adult 46 years of age, from heart disease; July 26, an adult 24 years of age, from phthisis pulmonalis; an adult 27 years of age, from phthisis pulmonalis; a child 1 year and 7 months of age, from meningitis; July 28, an adult 50 years of age, from pneumonia; an adult 54 years of age, from typhoid fever; an adult 48 years of age, from Bright's disease.

Respectfully,

J. GREY THOMAS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, July 31, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended July 28, 1900, 27 deaths have occurred in this city, 4 from malaria, 4 from intestinal diseases, and 6 from tuberculosis. Nine deaths occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week is 35.19. The death rate for this week is the highest reported for this year; the number of deaths from tuberculosis and pernicious fever are both noticeable, of the latter 4 being reported. Eleven vessels entered this port during the week. Four vessels were cleared for other ports outside this district during the week. No alien steerage passengers were admitted at this port during week.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 10 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week. No contagious diseases reported. Health of port is good. Inspected 3 vessels during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 2 deaths in that port during the week. No contagious diseases reported. Health of port is good. Inspected 5 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER.

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 6, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, during the week ended August 4, 1900, 14 deaths have occurred in this city, from the following causes: Tuberculosis, 6; paralysis, 1; gastro enteritis, 1; mitral insufficiency, 2; meningitis, 1; paludism, 1; alcoholism, 1; cardiac asthma, 1. Nine of these deaths were in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week, 18.25. The health of the city continues good. No contagious diseases reported during the week. The death rate for the week is the lowest but one reported this year. I made a sanitary inspection of the city during the week and found the greater part to be in a very fair condition. In the remaining part, which is situated on low and principally made land, the condition is not so good, the streets being muddy and having numerous pools of stagnant water, but until proper sewers and drainage can be established, this objectionable feature can not be obviated. The case of yellow fever removed from the transport *Sedgwick* on July 19 was released from the detention camp on the 28th, and after receiving a bath and having his clothing disinfected was returned to his command at Rowell Barracks. When the diagnosis was made in the above case, I wrote the post surgeon at Rowell Barracks, advising that a careful examination be made of all soldiers reporting sick at the hospital; this has been done and up to date nothing out of the ordinary has been seen.

Eighteen vessels, crew and passengers, have been inspected at this port during the week. Six vessels have been issued bills of health for ports outside this district during the week. No alien steerage passengers landed at this port during the week.

The following is a report of the work at this station during the month of July: Eighty-six deaths in city, including 22 deaths in the civil hospital; 60 vessels inspected; 1,286 persons, comprising crews of vessels, inspected; 1,220 passengers inspected; 7 immigrants landed at this port after inspection; 30 bills of health issued; 2 vessels disinfected; 91 health certificates issued to passengers; 236 pieces baggage disinfected and labeled "Disinfected;" 87 pieces baggage inspected and passed and labeled "Inspected and passed."

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 11 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week, malarial and intestinal diseases being the principal causes of death. No contagious diseases reported. Inspected 3 vessels during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths at that port during the week. No contagious diseases existing in that vicinity. Inspected 8 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report of the sanitary engineer for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 6, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of the report of the sanitary engineer of this city, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,
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